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May 11, 2006 7:00 pm

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Mays meeting Next Month Skywarn 50 min. long

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Pre-Registration

2006 ARRL Southwestern Convention
At the web site www.sandarc-conv2006.org

From The President

Paul KC6QLS



Thank you to Tuck Miller NZ6T for his presentation on APRS at our April Meeting.

The winner of our April Silent Auction was Mike Maston N6OPH, who won a \$20.00 Gift Certificate to Perry's Café in El Cajon. The May Silent Auction will be for two Sea World Passes (a value of \$53.00 each). We will start the bid at \$70.00. Please keep in mind that the purpose of the Silent Auction is to raise funds for our club's general fund, and all Silent Auction Prizes are donated by businesses in our community.

Volunteers are needed for the San Diego Fair (Del Mar Fair). Our club days are the first weekend of the fair, which is Saturday, June 10, 2006 and Sunday June 11, 2006, and the shifts are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We have some volunteers already, but there are still other fair days available that need volunteers, and we can volunteer on any days where slots have not been filled. Please contact Don Kline at kd6rfq@ixpres.com or me at kc6qls@cox.net by May 10, 2006 to sign up to help out at the Amateur Radio Booth at the fair. Your participation is needed to make this event a success and to help get the word out about Amateur Radio.

Field Day is around the corner, and I am looking forward to this event. I hope many of you will be able to come join the fun for whatever time your schedules may allow. Lodging accommodations are still available for those who wish to stay overnight. Check out the reflector and website for the latest info and plans about Field Day.

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May Silent Auction is for: Two SeaWorld
Admission Tickets Valued at \$53.00 each.

Opening bid \$70.00 for the pair
Donated by: SeaWorld San Diego

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting
9 March 2006



The General Membership Meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president Paul Rios, KC6QLS at 1900hrs.

SECRETARY minutes were approved as published in the *Counterpoise*.

TREASURER: Susan, KF6WXA read her report. It was approved as read and filed for audit.

SANDARC: Mike, N6IEF asked for volunteers to operate the amateur radio station at the 2006 convention. Mike, N6OPH solicited donations for the SANDARC Legislative Oversight fund to help defray the costs of defense of amateur radio. Mike will collect the funds and issue receipts.

Vice-President: Ed, AI6O introduced this evening's speaker, Tuck Miller, NZ6T. He spoke on APRS.

After the break the business portion of the meeting continued.

HEALTH & WELFARE: Announcement was made by Mike, KG6TDP. He stated that Frito Samano is home from the hospital and doing very well.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Announcement was made by Rich, N6NKJ. The Special Olympics will be held the first weekend in June at San Diego State College. The ARCEC provides operators for the Sunday event. Rich also announced that operators will be needed for the "I love a clean San Diego" event in mid April.

EDUCATION: Report was given by Mike, N6OPH. The technician class is in progress and should conclude in mid May. The general theory course will not be held until after field day.

President: Paul solicited volunteers for the various radio events; Crest, Del Mar Fair and Special Olympics. Sign up sheets are located in the back of the room.

Rich, N6NKJ also asked for volunteers to help man the hospitals.

Paul, KC6QLS requested input from the club regarding for the venue for the club Christmas Party. It was suggested that the party could be held at the Home Town Buffet. It was informally decided that the club should pursue Home Town Buffet as the venue for the Christmas party.

COUNTERPOISE: Report was given by Paul, KC6QLS. He reported that chicken soup column will continue for a few more months.

FIELD DAY: Report was given by Ed, AI6O. The reservations are made at the camp for the club for field day. Help is needed for the set up and tear down. There are still some dorms left over at the camp. The May speaker for the club meeting will be from the Sky Warn team.

SANDARC: Mike, N6OPH reported that SANDARC still has not completed its budget. Also, the City of San Diego has dropped the idea of establishing a new and more restrictive antenna ordinance. Mike and Howard White attended the city council land use committee that confirmed those results. However, SANDARC is still soliciting money for the legislative oversight committee. This is because the city may attempt another antenna ordinance. The money would be used solely to defend amateur radio from any future municipal assaults. Mike, N6OPH introduced a proposal that SANDARC donate 34 copies of "Now You're Talking" 6th edition for the San Diego City Library. The projected cost would be \$731.00 unless the ARRL can supply them for a wholesale cost of about \$2 or a copy. Tuck, NZ6T has submitted a request with the ARRL to obtain the books for wholesale. It was moved and seconded to support this proposal. Motion was carried. This proposal will be presented to the SANDARC council at the April meeting by our club delegates.

MEMBERSHIP: Report was given by Ann, KG6TBG. The total paid membership is 195 with 34 members and 1 visitor attending this evening's meeting.

There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2057hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Paul Maston, N6OPH
Secretary
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From The Vice President AI6O ED



Southwest California SKYWARN is an all volunteer organization that supports the National Weather Service Forecast Office in San Diego, California. It's service area covers San Diego, Orange, Western Riverside and Southwest San Bernardino Counties.

Southwest California SKYWARN is a separate entity from and operates at the request of the National Weather Service, and in no way represents the National Weather Service.

To make this team the best trained and to make it as painless as possible, the Command Staff searches out new courses and programs that are weather and/or amateur radio related and present them to the general membership so that they may utilize them for upgrading and maintaining their best possible level of preparedness.

This is especially important since the National Weather Service (our served agency), is a vital part of Homeland Security. With SKYWARN being the eyes & ears of the NWS, it is incumbent upon us to make ourselves as well trained as possible.

The first level of training will be provided at our May meeting and all are encouraged to participate. You can take part in helping to save lives and property, which is the primary mission of the National Weather Service. You'll receive the quarterly newsletter *Coast to Cactus*, which will keep you informed about the spotter program, our local weather and the National Weather Service. Besides the aforementioned, it's free, satisfying, and exciting.

Steve Smith, WB6TWL, is the Regional Coordinator for Southwest SKYWARN.

FIELD DAY IS COMING....contact me, stay tuned, volunteer!

Straight ahead!

Ed, AI6O



WA6BGS Nets

Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Manger
Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Controller
Frito	N6WKB	Wide Open Nets

WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights
8:00 pm local time 7:30 "Checkins"

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:
8:00 pm

Nets held on club repeaters

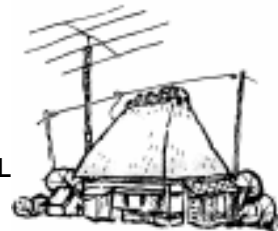
WA6BGS Repeaters

RX 146.475 (147.420) 107.2 PL

RX 224.480 – 107.2 PL

RX 445.900 – 107.2 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.



WAMO means Worked All Members Only. The purpose of WAMO is to encourage people to people communication between club members and to publicize the name of the club among fellow amateurs.

Club Attire

***** Shirts on hand. Call for Sizes *****

Get your jackets, hats and t-shirts.

Show off your club colors and let all know that the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon is strong and growing.

Contact: K6PKS Paul Schmidt (619) 733-2284


Calendar of Events May 2006

May	2:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
May	5:	Cinco de Mayo
May	6:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
May	6	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
May	11:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
May	13:	ARES Meeting, 8:00 am
May	14:	Mother's Day
May	20:	Armed Forces Day
May	20:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
May	20:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
May	29:	Memorial Day "Observed"

The Counterpoise is also online in FULL COLOR. Check it out and the club's website at: www.wa6bgs.org

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5. Street Address	6. City, State, Zip+4
7. Home Phone	8. Work Phone
May we list: Y N	
9. DOB	10. e-mail
11. ARRL Member Yes no	12. ARES Member Yes No
13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

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Membership Chairperson
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Certificate Issued	Dues from _____ To _____
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Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to Ann Rios KC6TBG, and she will send you the database back as an attachment. She uses Excel, but may be able to convert to various formats if asked. Send your request to 619-593-9445 or KC6TBG@cox.net

FUN PAGE

Birthdays May

May 1	KG6KLM	Felly	Parel
May 2	KB6MLS	William	Fuller
May 3	KC6LEX	Andrea	Ames
May 7	NF6V	Steve	Rose
May 10	K7OY	Maynard	Skidmore
May 11	KE6HBQ	Greg	Richard
May 12	KB6WQO	Carol	Myrick
May 14	KA6RLX	Al	Gentz
May 14	KD6KHQ	Linda	Kennedy
May 14	KD6ZNU	Shirley	Boehme
May 17	W6JPB	Joe	Wilkerson
May 19	WB6DSP	Dave	Johnson
May 20	K6FQR	Allen	Guinup
May 25	NV6E	Herald	Sawdy
May 25	WI6M	Rod	Adkins
May 30	K6CR	Cliff	Richardson
May 30	W6ULU	Bob	Peasley
May		Herbert	Mansfield

Jokes " Accurate Tool Definitions "

19. Phillips Screwdriver: Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and squirt oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off the interiors of Phillips screw heads.

20. Air Compressor: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 70 years ago by someone at Ford, and rounds them off.

21. Pry Bar: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

22. Hose Cutter: A tool used to cut hoses one-half-inch too short.

23. Hammer: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer now-a-days is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object you are trying to hit.

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Word Search "Sky Warn"

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Last Months Word Search

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A E O E L Y J G E I W I K O P
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Bob W6RHV, WAMO# 478, is this month's Spotlight. He earned his Novice ticket in 1956 in the FCC office and became WN2IRI and soon upgraded to a General before earning his Extra not too long after. His father got him interested in radios and today, one of his children, Hildie KA6VKC has a license, as well as his wife, KD6ZNU. He enjoys VHF, UHF and 1.2 Gigahertz. Bob frequently uses 6 meters to fly his radio controlled air planes.

Bob has flown a 13 foot Radio Control Blimp for Model Air Plane Conventions for 20 years. He began building his own radio rigs and is very skilled with electronics. He served twenty years in the Navy starting as an enlisted man and graduating to Lieutenant and served during Korea and Vietnam. He also worked at NATO headquarters for two years in 1958 to 1960 and operated as I1AFS during that time. He operated CW for the whole two years and met several local Italian hams. He's worked as an engineer for (Ametek Straza Inc) working with navigation equipment and underwater robots and was also in the broadcast industry for 15 years.

Bob has been married to Shirley for 52 years. He has a son and two daughters. He has had many great El Cajon Club Field Days in the Laguna Mountains and has found Ham Radio a reliable source of communications during emergencies, like fires and earthquakes here in California. His advice for the younger generation is "Get more involved in the public service for the whole Ham Radio

experience. It's a fun thing to get into." He supports Ham because he believes, "It is the back bone of emergency communications" as proven in such examples as Hurricane Katrina.

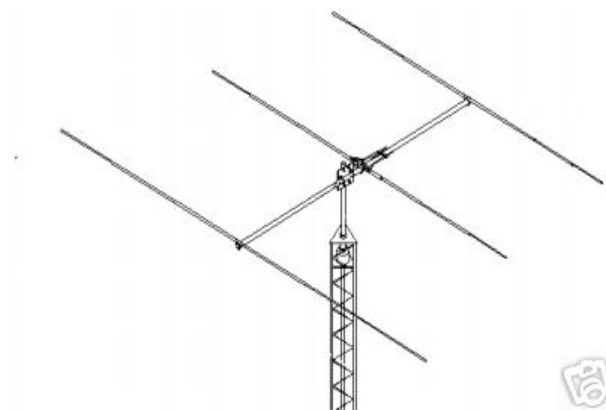
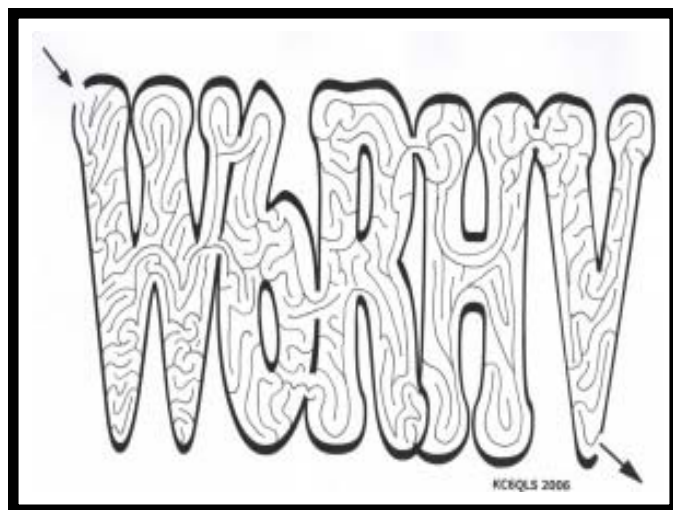
But mostly, Bob believes Amateur Radio is a great way to have fun and meet people. He chuckles, "Since 1956. That's fifty years that I've been a Ham!"

No longer just a voice on the radio, the spotlight shines on W6RHV!

73!

By Tassy Rios, Staff Writer

MAZE



**The Editor's
Corner
KC6QLS Paul**



Editor's Corner:

From time to time, someone sends me an e-mail telling me that I missed a period, a comma, or the grammar is just wrong. I would just like to say that we try our best putting together the Counterpoise. I have seen many grammar errors in the big magazines and newspapers, and they get paid for it. I think we can better spend our time helping others with our Ham Radios and getting more of the populace involved in our hobby.

On a more positive note, you asked for it and it happened; we now have two new Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul stories. The Author called me and asked me if people really like to read the column? I said, "Yes, I get e-mails saying they like them." I was told that the pen will be hitting the paper and more new ones may come our way.

This is what your Counterpoise is all about. Please send in your ideas, columns, or write a story, and I'll do my best to put it in the newsletter. After all we are here to have fun and enjoy life.

Take care 73,
Paul Rios, Editor

2006 ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention to be held on September 22, 23, and 24, 2006 at the San Diego Marriott in Mission Valley, CA.

The Banquet Speaker will be Gordon West, WB6NOA. We will have a Luncheon with Bob Heil, K9EID as our speaker. We will have Exhibitors from all aspects of Amateur Radio, Speakers sharing their thoughts about the fine art of Ham Radio. Also Scheduled: Swap meet, T-Hunt, Radio Room, Prizes and lots of equipment to check out and buy.

Early Bird Registration deadline is May 31, 2006. If you register prior to May 31, 2006, registration is \$15.00, which includes a convention pin (while supplies last). After May 31, 2006 Pre Registration is \$17.50 and an At Door Pass for the convention will be \$20.00. Reservations at the Marriott, please tell them that you are booking a room for Ham Show 06 and use ASDASDA for the Group Code, so you can receive the Convention rate. Please visit the convention website at www.sandarc-conv2006.org for details.

Volunteers Needed

Field Day
San Diego Fair
Fund Raiser Sale "Rummage"
Mother Goose Parade
Radio Clause

Please Sign up at the next meeting

Sign up and Prepay for your Field Day Pins!

Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. To Help, contact WA6PPG Carl Ferree at 328-2694 e-mail at cferree@IEEE.ORG

Things to keep in mind

Get on the El Cajon ARC Reflector

To sign up visit:

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You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world.

Quote of the Month

"What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others."

- Confucius, 15:23

SANTEE DRIVE-IN SWAP MEET

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ACRES & ACRES OF BARGAINS
1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
GATES OPEN 6:30 AM

Crest Radio Museum

Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ

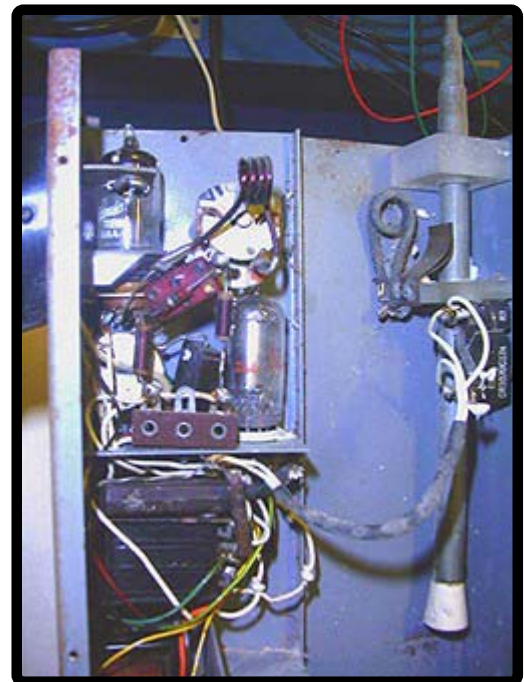


The RTL HT-144

Possibly the RAREST item in the Museum is the Radio Transceiver Laboratories HT-144 pair of 2 meter Handy Talkies. These date back to 1946 and were a design patterned from the WW2 Field HTs. Pic 1 shows them compared to Yaesu VX7R. Powered by 2 battery sets, they had 2 tubes to do all the work of transmit and receive. The batteries were a 66 ½ V and a series set of 4 D cells to provide 6 volts for the 6J6 heater. A 5th D cell provided the heater for the 2nd tube, a 1S4. I took 1 apart to try to reverse engineer it, but I didn't want to disturb the delicate circuitry on this antique device. It was full of spiders, luckily dead for a good 50 years. The top covers are missing, but otherwise they are complete with batteries, also from the 40s era. I doubt there is a millivolt left in them.

The 6J6 is a dual triode, so one is used for an oscillator and the other for a Superregen detector on RX. The 1S4 is a Tetrode which does audio on TX and RX. Pic 3 shows a close-up of the circuitry. You can see the coupling link to the whip antenna and the tuned circuit. Controls are Tuning, PTT and a regen or volume control. Very few of these were made, and this is possibly the only set to survive. They were found in a barn in the Midwest and went for well over a Hundred bucks on Ebay. Fortunately, the Crest Radio Museum prevailed and they are now on display. 73!

73! WA6MHZ



Crest photos by: Pat WA6MHZ

Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul

"Official Observer Corps Meets COPS"

Turmoil and change have shaken the ranks of our hobby in recent years. Controversy over incentive licensing, the role of the code, and concern over the dwindling ranks of our hobby have caused angst and sown the seeds of division among hams, young and old. Now, with the decline of Cycle 23 upon us, it is time for a healing catharsis for our hobby, with "Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul".

Ham Radio is once again in the national spotlight with the ARRL sponsored "Official Observer Corps" featured in a television episode of the popular police action program "COPS". In the March 24th episode, the "OO Corps" accompanies a high-profile FCC Enforcement Division "take down" of habitual HF jammer Edward "The Quacker" Le Duc.

Le Duc is nicknamed "The Quacker" because of his use of a duck call to disrupt activities on various HF public service nets. It was Le Duc's use of the duck call which triggered the FCC's involvement in the take down early this year. Le Duc's actions caused a groundswell of public opinion favoring federal intervention to apprehend the jamming culprit. Ironically, the grassroots campaign to involve the FCC was launched by two New York area Hams who were members of the "Ducks Unlimited" organization.

Featured prominently in the episode is a spry, 85 year old "OO" volunteer Mortimer "Big Fist" Morkman W2ABF, nicknamed for the strong CW signal which radiates from his upstate New York QTH. Morkman, who plays a central role in the action filled ride-along episode, takes the "point" or lead position in an FCC surprise raid on Le Duc's New Jersey QTH. The FCC team knocks down the Le Duc residence door, with Morkman tossing in special "QRM" grenades, designed to wreak havoc on any HF radio within a 50-foot radius. While explosions rock the Le Duc shack, a delighted Morkman shouts "Official Observer Corps! Come out with your hands up!" As Morkman makes his announcement, FCC Enforcement Division agents swarm into Le Duc's single story home capturing his escapades on videotape.

Initially, as agents burst in, a surprised and confused Le Duc is heard to say "Publishers Clearinghouse?" The notorious Ham jammer apparently thinking the raid was to award a magazine sweepstakes prize. "Not a chance, dirt bag!" responds famous FCC Enforcement Director Rollie Hollingsworth WA4XYZ, as he personally handcuffs a visibly shaken Le Duc. As he is led away, Le Duc makes eye contact with Mortimer, the Ham who has worked for 15 years to put an end to his on-air mischief. Morkman is heard to comment "Le Duc, you are so busted."

Another poignant moment is captured on video when Morkman, meets with relieved members of his "OO" team who have assisted with the raid. Summing up the positive ending to the potentially deadly raid, Morkman says to his relieved team "The FCC got the bad guy, we didn't bust any radios, and we all get to go home to our shacks."

Under special authority granted to the FCC under the "Freedom From Jammers Act of 1999", following the raid FCC agents went to work inventorying Le Duc's radio equipment for a nationally televised "Ham Swapmeet". The seized equipment is catalogued and priced by a team of FCC flea-market shopping specialists. The equipment is then prepared for sale on the FCC-sponsored "Ham Shopping Network" call-in television program. On the program, Hollingsworth personally describes the seized items and takes Ham bids on an 800 number.

Editor's note: with "OO's" like Morkman 'on the prowl', you've got to be "daffy" to engage in activities which lessen the enjoyment of other Hams. Amateur sleuths who want to help clean up the bands are encouraged to learn more about the ARRL-sponsored "Official Observer" program.

"Morris Code AZ6CW"



Public Relations

While attending another club's meeting last month, the issue of SANDARC and what they do for the San Diego Amateur Radio Community came up. As the ARCEC is a long standing member and supporter of SANDARC, and as I am Public Relations for the ARCEC and Public Relations for SANDARC, I put some info on the ARCEC reflector in an effort to clarify what SANDARC is and what it does for the San Diego Amateur Radio Community. I think it is important for the ARCEC members to know our club affiliations and how they effect and benefit us. For example, the upcoming ARRL Southwestern Division Convention is 100% sponsored by SANDARC. This means SANDARC puts up all the money for the Convention. At our last club meeting, we voted to support SANDARC's buying the new Technician books and giving them to the San Diego Libraries. Now they would like to add some of the East County Libraries as well. We will vote on this at the next meeting. SANDARC also sponsored the ARCEC's float in the Mother Goose Parade. Lastly, most of the Hams I know took their test through the SANDARC VE program.

So, I think SANDARC is very important to the Amateur Radio Community. They go hand in hand with the Amateur Radio Clubs that are members of SANDARC and that they support. We have seen a lot of benefits from being part of SANDARC and more is to come our way in the future with the SANDARC Legislative Oversight Committee. I would encourage ARCEC members to continue supporting SANDARC as they work hard for the benefit of the San Diego Amateur Radio Community.

Paul KC6QLS

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24. Mechanic's Knife: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing - Tom W5COM

From The President Continued

At the April meeting there was a discussion and an informal vote on the venue for our annual Christmas Dinner. The vote was unanimous to have our dinner at the Home Town Buffet located on Main Street in El Cajon. I confirmed with the Home Town Buffet that we can have it there on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be the Home Town Buffet's dinner price and can be paid by each member at the door. Please mark your calendars, and I hope to see everyone there.

Paul KC6QLS
President ARCEC



The A.R.E.S Connection

From Rich, N6NKJ



Hello again;

First, I want to thank all of those who helped with the Special Olympics on April 1st and 2nd, Thank You! I also want to thank a very special person in ARES, who always is willing to give of his time and talents to help out where ever it is needed. That man is Al Rich, W6WYN. Al has been in ARES, as long as I have, or longer, and is always ready to help whatever the job might be. Thank you Al.

A lot of new things and people are coming to ARES Among the new/old people volunteering their services as EC'S to the Eastern District are Eric Crosser, N6SUB, who will be our logistic officer, and Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ, who will be the EC for Crest. We now have 4 EC'S in the Eastern District, the other two are Susan Kochel KF6WXA and Bob Boehme W6RHV. To all of you, thank you.

As I said there are new programs coming to our ARES group, and this means we are going to NEED MORE PEOPLE to become involved with ARES.

In the Alert there is a list of upcoming events that need operators, so please volunteer to help out at one or more of these events.

Last but not least, I again want to tell all of you who time after time volunteer your time and talents to not only ARES, but also to our club's functions that without your help, nothing would get done. Also there is another group of people we often forget, and they are your families, so please accept my sincere thank you for allowing your loved ones to help support ARES and our club in the many different public service and drills we hold each year. And as always, please let us not forget our brave men and women who serve in our armed forces. GOD BLESS THEM.

Rich, N6NKJ

Welcome New Member



Hank Simpson



Roy Patterson

Welcome New Member: Carter Johnston, KI6DAP, WAMO # 1693

Welcome New Associate Members presently enrolled in the Technician Class:

Gloria Lyons
Roy Patterson

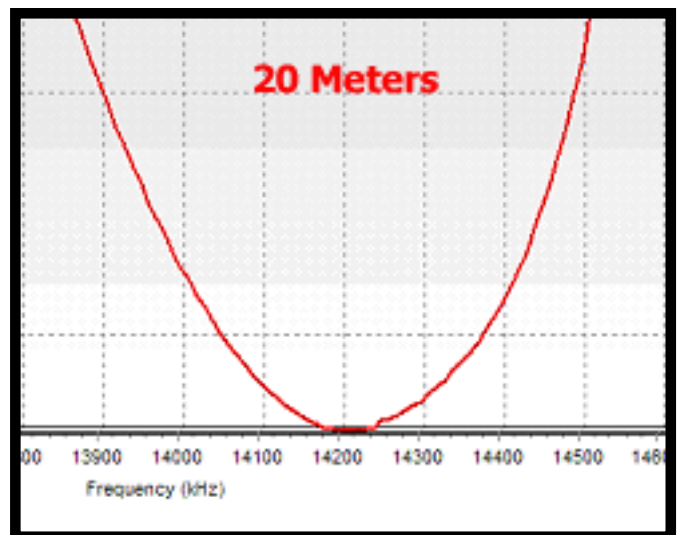
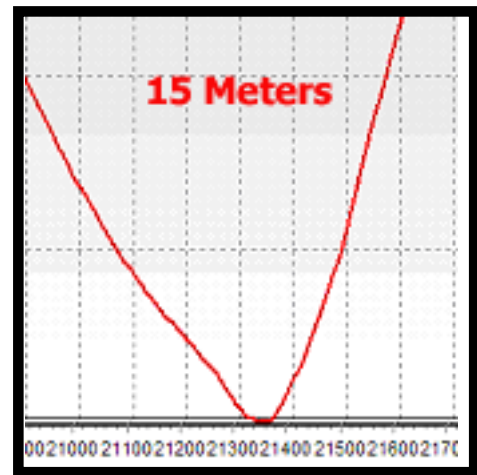
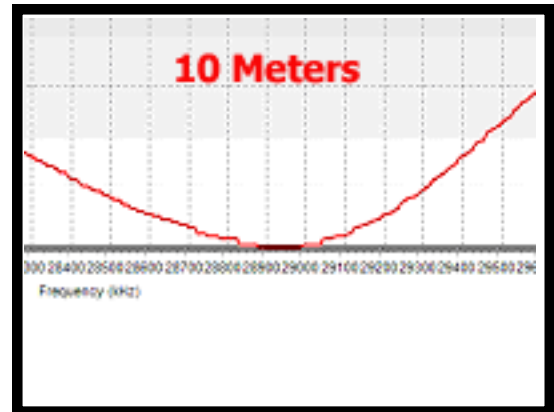
Rick Dickson
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73
Ann, KC6TBG

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